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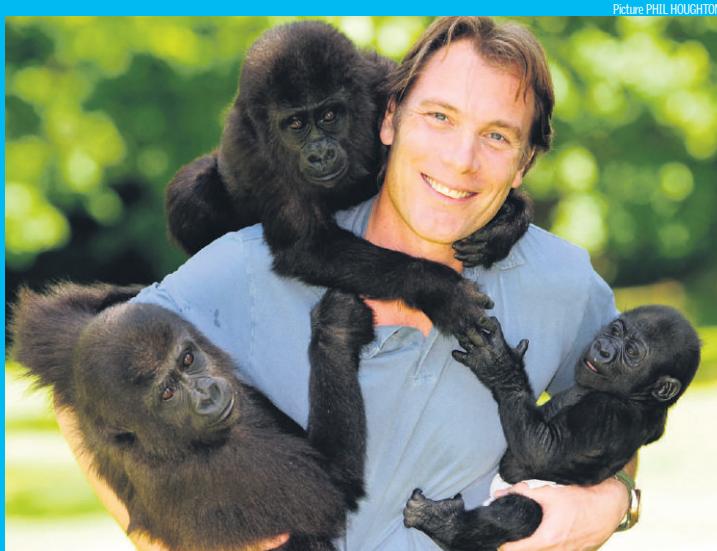
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■ BY NICK AMES

OUTSPOKEN Deputy Mayor of Folkestone Emily Sanger has joined the Conservative Party after being thrown out of the Liberal Democrats.

The representative for Harbour ward said she took the decision to cross the floor as "I want to keep on working for the people of this town".

Cllr Sanger joined the Tories last week and formally changed parties on Monday.

In a statement the Lib Dems said the councillor was ejected as she failed to maintain her membership payments and her recent support for councillors from other parties looking to be elected to various committees.

Cllr Sanger said her separation from her husband and a family bereavement had been behind her failure to keep up payments.

She said she would continue in her role as deputy mayor despite leaving the Lib Dems.

"Last Friday they threw me out and I've now joined the Conservatives," she told Yourshepway.

"I felt it was the only way to go forward. I have worked with them and get on well with them.

"Representing my ward is important to me as it is a place where things are happening. There is the Triennial going on at the moment and there are the exciting plans by Roger de Haan for the development of this part of the town. I want to continue to work towards making this town go forward,

"Party politics are not so important at a local level anyway – we are all working for the same goal, which is improving the area."

Cllr Sanger – who was on police bail earlier this year following an incident involving her estranged husband Gerald, although no charges were brought – also vowed to keep

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ASPINALL'S HAND LUGGAGE

These baby gorillas are hitching a ride with Damian Aspinall on a journey to Gabon from their home in Kent. The three western lowland gorillas, Oudiki, Kouki and Tiya (who was born at Port Lympne), are heading off to live in Africa and will travel from Farnborough airport thanks to Virgin tycoon Sir Richard Branson. Mr Aspinall said: "By taking Tiya, Oudiki and Kouki to Gabon to start a new life in the wild we are being able to fulfil my father's vision. He devoted his entire life to the conservation, breeding and reintroduction of endangered species to protected areas in the wild where possible to do so."

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POLLUTION CONCERN: Villagers in Sellindge protest against the proposed anaerobic digester

Water worry from sludge

■ BY ED HILL

CAMPAIGNERS against an anaerobic digester plant on the outskirts of Sellindge have highlighted the potential risk to the area's rivers.

They say the plans at the former Otterpool Quarry site on the A20 – opposite the popular Airport Café – do not provide sufficient measures to deal with any pollution.

In a statement, Sellindge Residents Association said: "Those who are proposing the scheme have failed to recognise that there is no sewer to take potentially harmful liquids away from the quarry."

"Nor are there any plans to protect a major groundwater source of drinking water for Kent. This Lower Greensand aquifer is directly under the proposed waste plant and close to the surface and will be easily polluted from the considerable amount of foul water arising from the processes and operations on the site."

But Countrystyle Recycling, which is proposing the scheme, has hit back at the residents' complaints, saying the plant will have little impact on the environment.

A spokesman for the company said: "The centre has been designed in accordance with current planning requirements, and if approved, will incorporate processes to manage and contain any polluted material in a totally enclosed environment.

"As such, the facility will therefore

not pose any threat to the surrounding countryside."

The company also says that is has already changed its plans to deal with another of the villagers' concerns.

Campaigners had argued that the new plant would lead to hundreds of extra lorry movements through the village every day.

The company said: "We are working closely with Kent County Council and the Environment Agency at all stages of this planning process to ensure the centre meets the most stringent of standards and, indeed, the access into the site has already been revised so that vehicles will not travel through Sellindge village."

The plant is designed to deal with 95,000 tonnes of waste, making it one of the UK's largest anaerobic installations.

Anaerobic digester plants take household waste and break it down to a slurry and peat-like material that is then spread on the land. Electricity is also generated by the plant.

Countrystyle says that the new plant will help the county deal with the problem of diminishing landfill sites.

The spokesman said: "The scheme at Otterpool will provide substantial benefits to the region in terms of reducing the reliance on rapidly disappearing landfill capacity."

"The company is totally committed to creating a more sustainable and eco-friendly environment."

A meeting of the residents' association and county council planning officers took place last night.

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Police prioritise anti-social crime

A PLAN to combat anti-social behaviour over the next three years has been launched.

Chief Inspector Luke Dodson said the Shepway community safety partnership plan reflected the concerns people of community safety and priorities for tackling crime.

He explained: "We listened to what people told us and from that we have been able to set out priorities and the actions needed to address them. However, the plan is not set in stone and we will review it every year."

Planned park visit

A GROUP of town planners has visited Folkestone in the wake of the Lower Leas Coastal Park gaining two regional awards.

It won the City And Metropolitan Area and Town Regeneration categories in the regional section of a competition organised by the Royal Institute of Town Planners.

The park is in the second phase of an upgrade.

Creative party

A CELEBRATION of the work of the Adult Education Service and its creative courses took place at The Cube in Tontine Street, Folkestone, on Sunday.

Students, families and prospective students all turned up to see what was on offer and take advantage of the offer of a strawberry cream tea.

"The purpose was to celebrate the achievements of the creative studies students who study at the centre which opened on February 4," said a spokesman for the event.

Fly-tipping stops

MORE than 100 vehicles were stopped during a crackdown on illegal dumping of waste on Romney Marsh in a joint operation between Shepway council and police.

They targeted commercial vehicles issuing 10 Fixed Penalty Notices of £300 as well as dealing with immigration offences and failure to produce vehicle documents.

Police have asked people to contact them if they see anything suspicious. Phone 01323 49229 for details.



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Art world beating a path to our door

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Folkestone Triennial has been attracting national and international attention, with coverage in places as far apart as New York and Tokyo, and packed London trains bringing in thousands of visitors.

Backers of the £2.2 million event, which features work by internationally acclaimed artists Tracey Emin, Mark Wallinger and Mark Dion, say coverage has amazed them – especially the amount of interest from overseas.

The event has also been featured extensively on television with news programmes covering the opening and a BBC Culture show indicating important sites with former Folkestone resident Vic Reeves as a guide.

National newspapers have focused strongly on Ms Emin's involvement and her brass sculptures of baby clothes.

Mr Wallinger's stones drawn from the beach, representing the dead of the Battle of the Somme, have also received much attention.

The New York Times featured the Tales of Time and Space event as an example of Britart, while Japanese papers and websites focused on the giant seagull creation of Mark Dion and the tradition of British seaside holiday resorts.

The Evening Standard led the way with the first in-depth feature last Friday. The paper also featured the town as one of its "six coastal towns to visit".

The Guardian, Independent and Daily Telegraph also carried lengthy articles, all of which praised the Triennial. The town itself has come in for acclaim as well. Writing in The



HOLE IN ONE: Richard Wilson's crazy golf beach huts have added to the Triennial's wit, charm and international appeal

Observer, Rachel Cooke started off with a lament for the glory days as she wrote: "Poor Folkestone. A seaside town with so very few visitors, and a port with no great ships, it is as ghostly a place as I've ever visited, the melancholy only made the more piercing by the fact that it was once the most glorious holiday destination in all England."

But she goes on to praise both the event and the town: "By teatime, I was in love, temporarily blind to its faults."

The event, which stretches into mid-September, will continue to bring visitors to the town, according to organiser Andrea Schleiker.

Backing the Triennial is the town's Creative

Foundation. Spokesman Peter Bettley said: "The coverage has surpassed all our expectations. We knew there would be a lot of interest but the level from abroad has been surprising and gratifying."

"And what is equally pleasing is that all of these people who have reviewed our event have spoken of it with so much affection."

"They have also written of Folkestone itself with a similar level of enthusiasm and it seems the eyes of the world – or the artistic part of it – are focused on a relatively small seaside town. People who live and work in Folkestone should take a lot of pride in what they have achieved."

New party for deputy mayor

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making her views known to all. I'm not scared of saying what I think and some people don't like that, but it's the way I am," she said.

"I'm female – obviously – and young – relatively. There are not too many people who are women and my age doing what I do [being a councillor], so I want to continue."

A national spokesman for the Liberal Democrats said it was not a matter they wished to comment on, but Shepway party leader Lynn Beaumont said: "If Emily feels comfortable sitting with the Conservatives, that's where she should sit."

"I have never actually heard her agree with any Tory policies, but if she feels that is where she belongs then I'm happy for her."

On the mark

THE neighbourhood policing officer for Elham and Stelling Minnis is offering villagers the chance to have their valuables security-marked free of charge.

PC Trevor Moody will have a stall at Elham school fete between mid-day and 3pm on Saturday.

People can bring any item they wish to be marked, including bikes, mobile phones, sat-navs, MP3-players, cameras, gardening equipment, tools, laptops... and so on.

Memories are jogged over sponsor cash

ORGANISERS of last week's hugely successful Race For Life are now urging participants to get their sponsorship money in.

More than 3,000 women took part in the event on the Leas in Folkestone, running, jogging or walking the 5km course.

Funds raised will all go towards the valuable work undertaken by Cancer Research UK.

During the event, organiser Natasha Etienne emphasised the importance of participants collecting and handing over the money they raised.

"Turn to the person next to you and politely tell them to remember," she told those taking part in a pre-race warm-up session.

A Race for Life official said: "We do need all the money to come in after it

has been pledged. Cash raised by the Race For Life series is an important source of revenue for our work in combating the disease and remembering the lives of people lost to cancer."

All the races across Kent – backed by KOS Media – have proved a great success, raising thousands of pounds.

Ms Etienne said: "We have had people of all ages and abilities taking part and these events bring together the whole community."

"With cancer affecting one in three people – and one in four actually dying from the condition – is obviously something which has a wide impact."

The Shepway Race for Life saw Helen Wheeler, from Folkestone, coming first in a time of 17 minutes 42 seconds.

Wider choice welcomed by NHS patients

EASTERN and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust is taking part in a new NHS initiative giving patients a choice of where they are treated.

The innovative scheme will also allow patients being referred for treatment to choose a date and time for their appointment.

Patient Barry Coppock said: "I went to my GP on May 29 because I had a problem with my ear.

"He suggested seeing a consultant and I was asked if I could get to Deal.

"I said yes, the GP checked his computer and up came a list of consultants and their availability in Deal. We chose July 2 and a letter was printed out with the details of the appointment."

Mr Coppock said that he was delighted with how he was able to choose the details of his appointment.

To find out more about the range of options, visit www.nhs.uk/choices.

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 The turbines make their way down to Romney Marsh



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New number to report strays

A NEW telephone number for reporting stray dogs has been set up by Shepway council.

The authority will also provide an out-of-hours drop-off point at its offices in Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, for anyone who can't house a stray overnight.

Clr Rory Love, cabinet member for the environment, said: "When we collect stray dogs we always do our best to trace their owners or find good homes. Dog owners should make sure their pet wears an identity tag on its collar so that it can be quickly returned to its owner."

"This is a legal requirement for any dog in public places. Some owners may choose to have their dog micro-chipped."

The authority has taken sole responsibility for dealing with strays. Previously it was dealt with by the council and the police.

Anyone who finds a stray between 6pm-8pm on weekdays, and between 4pm-8pm on weekends and bank holidays, can now phone 01303 853000.

Cash action on rural isolation

GROUPS in Shepway have been given the chance to get access to cash to improve facilities in rural areas.

For the next three years Action With Communities in Rural Kent is administering two funding opportunities on behalf of the Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust.

These include £500,000 to be distributed among projects which will make a difference in isolated areas and a £140,000 grant to support communities undertaking a parish plan for the first time.

Details of how to apply for the grants can be found at www.ruralkent.org.uk.

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 Hear the one about the public servant claiming £50,000 a year on car travel?

High-output atomic plant could mean more pylons

■ BY NICK AMES

MILES of massive pylons could be built across Romney Marsh as part of plans for a proposed new nuclear power plant at Dungeness.

Industry sources say new and more powerful reactors would require larger power lines to connect them to the National Grid. Environmentalists are calling for them to be laid underground, but this is reportedly difficult on the Marsh because of the amount of groundwater.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown wants a new generation of nuclear power stations to reduce the UK's reliance on imported oil and gas and to cut carbon emissions.

Early indications point to Dungeness as one of the sites as the A station is now out of service and the B plant is scheduled to be mothballed in 10 years.

New power lines would apparently be necessary as existing reactors generate about one gigawatt of power each, while a modern plant would put out 1.6 gigawatts. This means transmission lines would also need a larger capacity.

An energy industry insider is reported as saying that the greatly improved requirements could spark a "public backlash" if massive pylon construction projects were proposed.

The report which highlighted the need was compiled for the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform and is based on two new reactors being built at Dungeness.

It points out that regulations exist to protect environmentally sensitive areas from power lines but adds that planning statutes in place would not block new lines.

A National Grid official said it was too early to say what would have to be put in place if Dungeness was developed.

And British Energy said the exact type of reactor would have to be determined before any plans were put forward.

But the Council to Protect Rural England

says the threat to Romney Marsh is clear. A spokesman said: "The Marsh is an area of outstanding importance when it comes to wildlife and plant life."

"Already we have seen it impacted by pylons and any suggestion of more being built could stir up a fair amount of public debate."

"It would be good to see the cables laid underground, but the water could make that difficult. "What we would like to see explored is how the existing network of pylons – which is extremely large – could be utilised."

The Marsh is now seeing the installation of a wind farm (see below), with 26 massive turbines generating power for 32,000 homes.

This output can be easily handled by the existing cable network, so it is unlikely new transmission lines will have to be built.

The CPRE spokesman said: "What could become interesting – as there was a lot of local opposition to the wind farm because of its environmental impact – is how many people who were anti-wind power are now pro-nuclear. Or vice versa, for that matter."



GIANTS BEGIN THEIR MARCH ACROSS MARSH

Erection of the giant turbines which will form part of a massive wind farm on Romney Marsh is under way.

The 26 turbines are being put up at Little Cheyne Court, near Appledore, by energy company npower renewables.

Work had been delayed because of problems with the crane which had been brought on to the site to lift the 115-metre structures.

But the problem was solved last week and work is now under way to install the turbines, which will eventually provide enough electricity to power 32,000 homes.

They are expected to start generating electricity in 2009. The £60 million scheme was approved in 2005, in the teeth of opposition from local councils and residents.

The propellers for the turbines were constructed in Germany and arrived at Chatham dockyard earlier this month. Convoys of lorries carried them to Romney Marsh under police escort.

The aim is to erect two turbines a week between now and the end of September, when tests will be carried out.

"It is now all going ahead after a short delay because of the crane," said an npower official.



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THREE'S A CROWD: Rachel Hyde-Harvey stars as the runaway girl in the Five TV show Sofia's Diary

Pencil beach scenes into your diary

■ BY NICK AMES

PARTY people are being sought for a beach scene in a TV show being made for Five about a girl who runs away from home.

Sofia's Diary stars former The Bill and Holby City actress Rachel Hyde-Harvey and is being shot at locations along the East Kent coast from Friday (June 27) to Monday.

Producers want people aged between 16 and 25 to take part in party scenes.

Location shoots will be taking place along the coast and extras are also required for scenes in bars and pubs.

"We need party people," said Jean-Luc Blakey, who is part of the production team.

"Anyone who would feel comfortable in party scenes can call us up and we will tell them what it is all about."

"We are looking for local people from across Shepway, Dover and Thanet as we want to make it as real as possible."

"The party scenes will be shot at Palm Bay, near Margate, and will be typical of the sort of gatherings young people have during the summer."

Ms Hyde-Harvey, 21, plays the title role of Sofia, a girl who has run away from home and is trying to build a relationship with her estranged father.

Sofia's Diary is broadcast via Fiver – the

TV station's website – after it first appeared on internet networking site Bebo.

The original online drama, which followed the feisty 17-year-old and her friends, invited users of the social network to vote on twists in the storyline.

A Bebo official said the show had "built synergy" with its followers and that the site was "proud to be seen as the place for outstanding original content online".

She added: "Sofia's Diary typically attracted upwards of 1,000 comments each day on the show's Bebo channel and character profile pages."

It was bought up when Bebo itself became part of a larger media group including America OnLine.

Mr Blakey said: "It was actually the first show to go on Bebo and then be bought up by a major company."

"It's a sort of 'growing pains and teething troubles' series. It's all done in the form of a video diary, a sort of blog. But it is fiction."

"When we started, lots of people thought it was real and that Sofia was actually a real girl. That shows how realistic it is."

Anyone who wants to take part should email casting4pk@yahoo.com.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Photo project wins two awards for arts group

STRANGE CARGO has won the community category of the Arts And Business South East Awards for its Other People's Photographs project.

The Shepway-based arts foundation also won the Creative Champion Award, the top prize at the event, which is held in Oxford. It is presented to the best project selected from the seven winning entries.

Other People's Photographs involved collecting pictures of past and present residents of Folkestone, Sandgate and Cheriton.

The photographs feature local people in the streets, resulting in a collection of 1,650 images representing life in the town during the last 120 years.

All of the images, together with recordings that tell the stories behind them, are included on an interactive 3D map of the town accessible via touch-screens at Bouverie Place shopping centre in Folkestone.

From this archive, a photograph has been reproduced as a permanent sign for each one of the town's 540 streets.

Run, walk or cycle – just rise to the wild challenge

COMPETITORS in this year's Totally Wild Challenge at Port Lympne wild animal park can either run or walk the 10k distance, starting at 10am, or take part in the family 10k bike ride, which sets off at 11.45 am.

Fitter participants can opt for the 30k bike ride, or they can go for both a run and one of the bike rides starting at 11.30am.

Organiser Jeanne Peterson said: "The Aspinall Foundation relies on donations from the public.

"Once participants have registered, we will forward an information pack asking them to obtain as much sponsorship as possible."

You can email jeannep@howletts.net, or registration can take place online at www.runnersworld.co.uk/totallywild10k or www.runnersworld.co.uk/totallywildcycle.

The event is on Saturday, September 6.

Sea wall railings stolen

METAL railings forming part of newly installed sea defences have been stolen from Dymchurch.

The Environment Agency put up the stainless steel railings on the steps leading from the sea wall to the beach as part of a coastal programme to protect low-lying land and homes from flooding.

At some time between June 12-15, about £2,000 worth of metal was removed from an area opposite the Neptune pub.



THE BAY RESTAURANT LOCAL FREE-RANGE ORGANIC SUSTAINABLE

An exciting new venture from the team behind nearby Wallett's Court, the Bay Restaurant in the 'beating heart' of The White Cliffs Hotel is in the centre of delightful St Margaret's-at-Cliffe. It's a cool uncluttered dining room that is equally popular for light lunches and evening meals.

The kitchen is headed up by Chris Hall (culinary supremo of the former Bay Leaf Restaurant in St. Margaret's), who brings his own brand of creative modern cooking to proceedings. A passion for 'local, free-range, organic and sustainable' ingredients underpins his efforts and it shows in his seasonal larder: here you will find Kentish asparagus, Romney Marsh lamb, St Margaret's Bay lobster and other fish from the coast. Among the vivid modern dishes on offer might be line-caught mackerel fillets with sun-dried tomatoes and fennel seeds, Sussex goats' cheese fritters with beetroot pickle, organic pork with mustard mash, caramelised pears and apples, and desserts such as custard tart with rhubarb & Kentish strawberries with balsamic ice cream.

'The Bay Restaurant at The White Cliffs is a piece of paradise! It had just opened and yet we felt like we had been welcomed as long standing friends. The place is peaceful yet sophisticated in its design and style. It had a magical garden, fantastic locally sourced food. The staff were fantastic. It feels like you are part of a special exclusive club yet is not expensive & the bar drinks were really affordable. Go and find out for yourselves - you won't be disappointed!'

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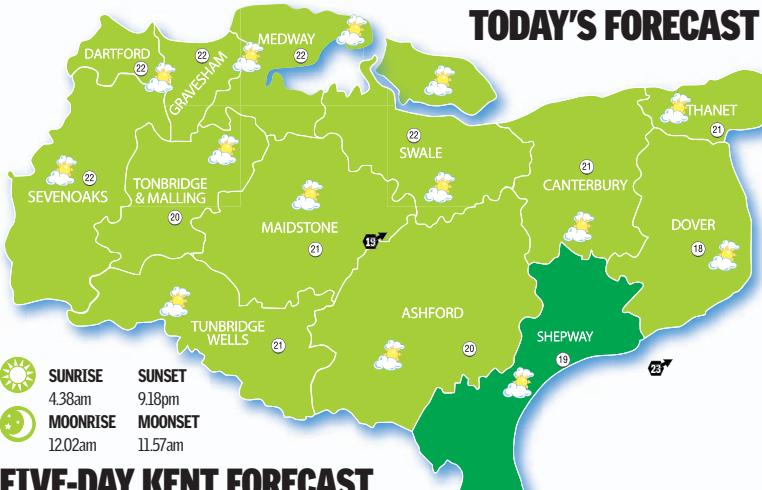
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Canterbury	19°C	21°C	20°C	20°C	20°C
Chatham	17°C	21°C	20°C	21°C	20°C
Dartford	21°C	22°C	22°C	22°C	22°C
Dover	18°C	19°C	18°C	17°C	18°C
Faversham	17°C	21°C	20°C	21°C	20°C
Folkestone	18°C	19°C	18°C	17°C	18°C
Gillingham	17°C	21°C	20°C	21°C	20°C

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Gravesend	21°C	22°C	22°C	22°C	22°C
Maidstone	21°C	23°C	21°C	22°C	22°C
Ramsgate	19°C	21°C	20°C	20°C	20°C
Rochester	17°C	21°C	20°C	21°C	20°C
Sevenoaks	20°C	20°C	19°C	20°C	20°C
Sittingbourne	17°C	21°C	20°C	21°C	20°C
Tonbridge	21°C	21°C	20°C	21°C	21°C
Tun Wells	21°C	21°C	20°C	21°C	21°C

WEEKEND HIGH TIDES

Chatham	Saturday	6:29am	5.3m
	Sunday	7:23am	5.2m
Dover	Saturday	5:06pm	6.0m
	Sunday	6:05pm	6.0m
Dungeness	Saturday	4:56pm	6.9m
	Sunday	6:00pm	6.7m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5:36pm	4.5m
	Sunday	6:09am	4.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	6:18am	5.2m
	Sunday	7:11am	5.1m
Whitstable	Saturday	6:23am	4.7m
	Sunday	7:19am	4.7m

AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	16°C	Madrid	32°C
Athens	33°C	New York	26°C
Barcelona	25°C	Paris	22°C
Beijing	27°C	Rome	30°C
Bombay	31°C	Sydney	15°C
Cape Town	16°C	Tenerife	26°C
Cardiff	16°C	Tokyo	24°C
Gibraltar	26°C	Vancouver	18°C
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Police awards for those who go 'that extra mile'

THE Safer Kent awards have just been launched by police, who want to know who is making a difference across the county.

The awards are to recognise those who have "gone the extra mile" when it comes to community safety work and anyone can make a nomination via the Kent Police website, www.kentpa.kent.police.uk.

Nominations can be made from people who work in the following fields: police community support officers, special constables, neighbourhood watch volunteers and wardens.

Areas of the county are divided up and each has its own award, with winners receiving £250 towards a project of their choice.

An overall winner is then chosen and given a £500 donation.

The finals will be held at Leeds Castle in September and last year Richard Stevens, warden for Lydd, was recognised for his work in improving sports facilities.

Neighbourhood

Ann Barnes, chairwoman of the Kent Police Authority said: "I really want to encourage people to nominate neighbourhood teams, wardens, specials and neighbourhood watch volunteers for all their help in keeping communities safe.

"We have invested heavily in neighbourhood policing during the last year and we know that there is some really great work going on around the county.

"In this day and age people are so quick to judge and never really take a step back and realise that some individuals or groups are making a positive difference to the quality of our lives."

Last year's overall winner was Kent County Council warden Tom Younger, who works in the Pembury area of west Kent.

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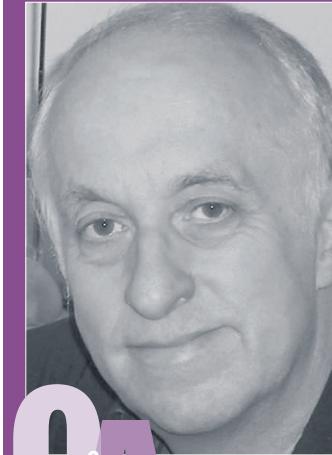


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QUESTION & ANSWER

PAUL PATTERSON



Picture: ALISTAIR PATTERSON

Q & A

Composer Paul Patterson has written a work celebrating the many aspects of Romney Marsh which is to be performed in Lydd's All Saints Church next month. He talks to Yourshepway reporter **Nick Ames**.

Q Can you tell me how the work came about?

A It's called The Fifth Continent and is a celebration of the many moods of the Marsh. The writer Thomas Ingoldsby was the first person to coin the phrase and he used it to demonstrate how different the Marsh was to everywhere else. He was writing a couple of centuries ago, so I suppose he was contrasting the marsh with Europe, America, Africa and Asia. But it's a very interesting place to write about and when I was asked to do it I was very pleased.

Q So it was a commission given to you

A Yes, that's right. I love the sea and so I felt it was something I could get involved with. I was asked to write a 20-minute piece and it was roughly based on a visitor arriving on the Marsh a hundred years or so ago.

It would have looked bleak in the morning, but then the sun rises and you can see how beautiful the landscape is as it changes from its previously austere self.

The ending of the piece is a little like the beginning, but the feeling is that the visitor is more at home in the area and is really appreciating the environment for what it is.

I have tried to encapsulate the many moods of Romney Marsh in the piece and bring alive the contrast of the area through music.

It will be very exciting actually having it performed on Romney Marsh – that will be a real thrill.

Q You obviously like the Marsh a lot

A Yes I do. I have connections with Kent as I lived for some time in Stelling Minnis. I also teach at Canterbury Christ Church University. I have quite a connection with the city, as well.

About 20 years ago the Arts Council ran an artist-in-residence programme and I was a composer-in-residence.

Now I go to the university to help young composers with their work.

It's not a steady teaching job, I don't get involved in the nitty-gritty. Instead, I'll offer advice from the perspective of an outsider.

Q Among your work is writing the themes for the Hammer Horror movies. That is quite an unusual achievement and must have been very interesting

A Well, I didn't do all of them, but I did a fair few, during the 1980s.

Q Who was in the starring roles?

A Peter Cushing, I'm sure, and Diana Dors I remember, as well.

Q Did you ever get to meet them?

A Oh no, it was a real production role. It was almost like making a car, the man who makes the bonnet doesn't meet up with the person who puts the doors on. I was a part of a large team.

Q Where did you write the themes?

A Funny enough, in Stelling Minnis, at home. That's where I wrote, oh, the Two Faces Of Evil, Doppleganger and all the rest. I used to write until a motorcycle came down from London via the A2 and picked up that day's work. Then it would go back to London and musicians would start to learn the piece. The following day the bike would arrive again and I'd hand over what I had done.

It was relentless, so much work and so little time. I was always working to get stuff ready for that bike.

Q What other broadcast work have you done?

A Mainly BBC shows – Omnibus, Horizon and a series about Charles Darwin which was on a few years ago.

Q What about current projects?

A Well, I'm writing an oboe concerto for a festival in Birmingham and I've got a year to do it – a real contrast to the Hammer themes. It won't take me a year, but it's good to have that freedom. I'm fortunate in that I receive a lot of commissions – my diary is full for the next few years.

• The Fifth Continent will be performed on Saturday, July 5, in All Saints Church, Lydd, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 and details are available from www.jamconcert.org.



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Stars set to appear at Port Lympne's Zoo8 festival get a tour of the wild animal park. Search 'animals'



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Rochester bigwigs open the Riverside walk, which they hope will help boost the area. Search 'riverside'



Reader Den Johnson's footage of a 2004 storm which battered 99-year-old Doris. Search 'storm'



The village of Smarden isn't the first place you'd expect to find tigers, lions and snow leopards. Search 'big cats'

EDITOR'S CHOICE

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A show of Kentish pride

Ready to celebrate the county's finest

■ BY NICK AMES

THE Dancing Diggers team of gyrating JCBs are among the new attractions promised for this year's Kent County Show – which organisers say will be bigger and better than ever.

The event will be at the County Showground, Detling Hill, from Friday to Sunday, July 11-13. Last year's show attracted more than 100,000 spectators.

As well as a performance by the earth-moving machines, there will be many other attractions plus the usual annual celebration of rural and country life.

The Band of the Corps of the Royal Engineers, who were on the hallowed turf of Wembley Stadium before last month's FA Cup Final, will be playing in the main area on all three days.

There will also be a larger countryside area, which will include displays of fly-fishing, ferret racing and birds of prey.

Working gun dogs and other hounds will also be put through their paces, and there will be a group of otters in a recreation of their natural habitat.

The forestry section will show how timber is extracted from woodland, as well as the uses it can be put to in traditional crafts.

The agriculture zone will have an interactive area with the title Why Farming Matters. This will focus on the importance of the industry in the county, including demonstrations of how local produce can be used to create dishes for the table.

"We are expecting a greater number of entries than before in the livestock section," a



COUNTRY WAYS: Last year's County Show included a vintage tractor parade and Spitfire flypast, as well as the usual equestrian show-ring events and livestock competitions. This year's show promises to be even better...

County Show official said. "These include cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, llamas, alpacas and even rabbits. And on Sunday we will see a return of the popular donkey classes. We are catering

for shopaholics as well, with everything from conservators to tractors for sale. There will also be a wide range of local produce so people can buy and taste the best of Kent's goods."

Titan the robot will return after his startling appearance last year. The metal giant will be mingling with spectators across the showground.

And KOS Media will also be there, with a marquee showing off our award-winning newspapers, websites and our broadband TV station Yourkenttv. Tickets cost £14 in advance, £17 on the gate, with reductions for young people and pensioners. They can be bought online at www.kentshow.co.uk.



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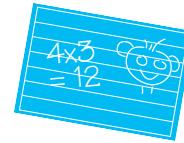
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HIGH PRAISE: Aaron Baker, 14, who is a student at the Keith Graham Academy, has been awarded fourth place in a national apprentice competition and he hopes to further his career by entering catwalk shows and doing stage work

TALENTED teenage hair stylist Aaron Baker achieved a placing of fourth in the Habia Young Apprentice of the Year competition after being entered by the Keith Graham Academy in Folkestone.

The 14-year-old received high praise from judges in the competition, which is run by one of the industry's leading training bodies and has counted many current experts among its previous contestants.

Aaron, who also works one day a week at Harrisons Hair Team in Sandgate, was selected after the academy recognised the standard of his work.

He was picked out from hundreds of students from across the UK to take part in the contest between the final 28.

This was then narrowed down to a final 12, who were scrutinised and examined in detail to compile the final rankings.

Aaron attended the concluding show in

■ **BY NICK AMES**

London, where he had the opportunity to watch and assist famous and respected figures of the hair industry.

He said the experience inspired him to want to move to the very top of the profession and take part in international shows and events.

After the extremely close judging, Aaron picked up fourth place for the Keith Graham Academy and Harrisons Hair Team.

Representatives of industry training scheme Habia say they intend to keep a close eye on Aaron throughout his career and have encouraged him to enter any competition he can through his college.

Aaron said: "The whole experience was really exciting – it was an excellent event and I have learnt lots through doing it."

"I am really pleased to be able to show my tutors in college and at Harrisons how far I have come and can't wait to get into catwalk shows and stage work."

BREAK TIME

Simon is simply outstanding

SIMON HORROCKS from Christ Church School in Folkestone has been named as winner of the Award for Outstanding New Teacher in the South East.

The former Sainsbury's manager teaches year five pupils.

Colleagues say that he is a well-rounded, down-to-earth "genuinely nice man" who is always looking for positive ways to help.

A spokesman for the awards said: "His lessons are carefully planned and engage pupils so well he has no behaviour problems in his class, even though it includes challenging pupils."

"He has set up a soft darts club to help pupils with their mental maths and is organising a Spy Kids club to encourage pupils to write."



"He is planning a gardening club and has taken a key role in the school's drive to become an eco-school – even contacting Channel 4's Grand Design programme to see if they could help out."

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Brussels bureaucrats may be right about 2p banger

DOES anyone remember an episode of the TV show Yes Minister when there was a great deal made of a European Union bid to ban the British banger?

The whole plot revolved around the fact that it was considered unhealthy by European officials, who wanted to call it an "emulsified fried fat and gristle tube", or something similar.

Well, looking at the ingredients of the new 2p sausage as promoted by Asda, I feel the Brussels bureaucrats might just have a point.

At 16p for eight, the Smart Price sausage contains 34 per cent pork – all well and good, even if sausages sold by rival stores boast pork content of more than 90 per cent.

But other ingredients include ammonium carbonate, sodium metabisulphite, disphosphates and ascorbic acid – not to say rusk.

Sounds lovely.

And where does all this fit in with the current fad for healthy eating?

If you listen to certain sections of the media,

you'd have thought everyone scoured supermarket shelves for hours to make sure every product they bought had an organic label on it.

Asda says the cheap sausage has been brought to the shelves in response to customer demand and contains no artificial colours or flavourings.

The company says that it is aimed at cash-strapped families and four people can be fed a meal of bangers, mash and carrots at a cost of £1.60. That's 40p a head – cheaper than a Mars bar each.

Maybe, but I was of the impression everyone nowadays wanted sun-dried tomatoes with no food miles but a twist of coriander in the juice.

That certainly doesn't appear to be so and I think this Asda sausage has got to be – by virtue of its price – one of the least appetising foods ever put on the market.

The most unhealthy snack I have ever seen was in the US – at a baseball game, in fact.

A lutherburger is a cheeseburger smothered in sauces, with the normal bun replaced by two halves of a glazed Krispy Kreme Donut.

It was invented by a diner in Georgia when the cook ran out of buns but had doughnuts.

Apparently each one contains more than 1,000 calories a portion and is accompanied by warnings that a bite can cause heart problems. Or just make you sick.

But at least it doesn't have an ingredients list which sounds like a GCSE chemistry question, as the Asda delight seems to.

Other unhealthy foods have been identified by so-called consumer watchdogs as fizzy drinks, chips, doughnuts, coffee cake (why?), hot-dogs, canned soup and luncheon meat.

With the possible exception of the last item, the others are all perfectly palatable.

Of course, if you want something low on the health factor but a guaranteed delight, I recommend a bowl of golden nuggets – the honey-based breakfast cereal which has yee-haw! (or so it says on the packet).

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TALK TIME

FRAN WARRINGTON

Fran is head of Visit Kent at the county council and has the job of promoting the county's attractions



What is your main current project?

Tourism and art experts at Kent County Council have joined forces to launch a campaign promoting the county's cultural coast and the growing number of festivals, arts and music events being staged.

How are you telling people about these?

Leaflets promoting all the events to be discovered along the coast from Whitstable to Dungeness are being distributed throughout London. Details of the campaign are also featured on the Visit Kent website. Natural attractions alongside cutting-edge visual arts events and exhibitions such as the Folkestone Triennial, Whitstable Biennale and Turner Contemporary are all featured. So are Broadstairs Folk Week, Margate Big Sky Jazz Festival, Lounge On The Farm and the Deal Festival of Music and Arts. We are also promoting Whitstable Oyster Festival, the town's Brewery Bar and the Canterbury International Arts Festival.

The county's arts scene really seems to be taking off now - why do think that is?

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YOUR LETTERS

We're still awaiting the wrecking ball

I visited the Second World War event at Pencester Gardens on Saturday and it looked like a good effort by everyone involved.

But 1939-45 reminiscences, jollity, *bonhomie* and backslapping aside, and on to weightier Dover matters: when are we finally going to see evidence of wrecking balls wreaking their splendid revenge in the close vicinity of Burlington House, the bus depot, the County Hotel and the multi-storey car park? And why stop there?

May friendly JCBs rain down on all of Bench Street most of King Street, the 30-years-and-counting disgraceful wilderness formerly known as The Crypt and its environs, the nightclub (stunningly offsetting the gay-sounding Dover Pride offices at the moment, each oozing architectural splendour across the road at each other) and the innumerable other blots on our townscape?

There are heavy – and growing – rumblings from many of us Dovorians about the fact that 'Chavsd' and co all seem to have fallen very silent of late regarding the regeneration zone, as have our noble town burghers.

Is that the sound of crunching credit, I hear?

And a further open question to Dover District Council and/or any beggar who'll listen: is the former Images/ABC/Granada building in Castle Street a Tracey Emin-esque example of post-modernist coastal town angst, perchance?

Perhaps I'm missing something here. Maybe we should take a leaf out of

Folkestone's artsy book, re-badge it as the centrepiece of the 2008 Dover Triennial and lure in all those DFLs (Down From London types) from up the line to mull over its edgy blight.

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Andy Stevens
Deal

Lorry park needs to be further north

I like this paper – just the facts and then make up your own mind. No name-dropping, like some other papers.

The place for the Operation Stack lorry park is north of Ashford, with the town close by and near the motorway. What else do they want?

Even though planning is delayed, they still aren't looking at other sites.

I feel that is against our civil liberties. After all, nobody here knew anything about the site and the boss was on holiday.

M Doe
Sellindge

Rhyme and reason to stay off tracks

Little Algernon loved to play, Near his neighbouring railway. His mummy told him, time and again,

"Don't get run over by the train." Algernon was a headstrong lad. His ending was extremely sad.

Bits of him were strewn all over The railway tracks twixt Deal and Dover.

A finger or two may turn up still, Between the sleepers at Martin Mill.

A note in the station master's diary: "Human ear found at Dover Priory."

An arm with Algernon's birthmark, Was identified near Sandling Park. The driver of the nine forty-two, On one of his buffers found a shoe.

At Westenhanger, for all to see, Was a leg amputated at the knee.

Take warning, children, never play, Like Algernon, on the permanent way.

Tom Wilson
Folkestone Writers

Unite against the database state

When David Davis announced his resignation as an MP to fight a by-election "against the slow strangulation of fundamental British freedoms by this government", he cited plans for the "most intrusive identity card system in the world" among his reasons.

I congratulate Mr Davis on his principled stand, which has emphasised once again the dangers of the Government's identity card scheme.

Far from just being photo-cards to carry in our wallets, these cards would link each of us to a vast and expensive database system capable of tracking and controlling our everyday lives.

Most of us already have passports, driving licences or cheap PASS cards to use to establish our identities.

The Home Office scheme is therefore as unnecessary as it is dangerous. It must be cancelled immediately.

David Davis is standing on a platform that includes opposition to this government's creation of centralised dossiers on every citizen, including the proposed ContactPoint database of every child in England, and

the ID cards database, which an influential committee of MPs fears could be used to snoop on every citizen.

They also insisted that compulsion would not be used without another parliamentary vote – then set about making them compulsory for airport security workers and making life very difficult for students if they decline.

The MPs who pushed this legislation through parliament insisted it is in the public's best interests. Will they now have the courage of their convictions and defend their decisions to the electorate, as Mr Davis has?

NO2ID is a non-party campaign opposing the introduction of compulsory ID cards and the database state (National Identity Register) that lurks behind them. The campaign may be contacted at www.no2id.net, and the Dover Branch at dover@no2id.net.

Ian Taylor
Dover

Does anyone recall pre-war potter?

I am living in Scotland and I wonder if readers can help.

I am researching a former Lambeth London Studios potter who moved to the Stone Pottery, 19 Stone Street, Broadstairs, living there from 1931 to 1940, when he died.

Did he make pots in Broadstairs and, if so, do any readers know of any?

Also, is there any connection with AG Hopkins, Fancy Goods Dealer, 12 Charlotte Street, Broadstairs (1936 directory)?

I would like any information and will return photos and documents as soon as seen.

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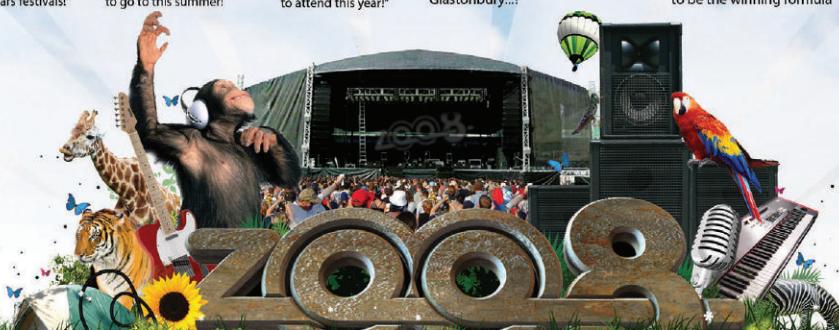
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Credited with inspiring Oscar Wilde, the play by Irish playwright Dion Boucicault is believed by many to be as good as The Importance of Being Earnest.

With its misunderstandings, mistaken identities and ridiculous scenarios, the 167-year-old play is still making audiences roll with laughter.

The cast includes Christopher Ryan, who played Mike The Cool Person in cult comedy The Young Ones.

He also had regular roles as Dave Hedgehog in Ade Edmondson and Rik Mayall's Bottom and as Edina's ex-husband Marshall in Absolutely Fabulous. In London Assurance he plays meek Adolphus Spanker, with Geraldine McNulty - Mrs Raven from My Hero - as his overbearing wife Lady Gay Spanker.

The play is a comedy of manners

LONDON ASSURANCE

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focusing on the differences between town and country.

A beautiful young woman, Grace, is engaged to marry Sir Harcourt Courtly, an ageing fop in his 60s who pretends to be much younger.

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When Charles finds himself visiting Grace's home in the country - at the instigation of his slippery friend Dazzle - he is unaware that Grace is his father's fiancée and begins to court her. But when Sir Harcourt arrives, he is forced to assume a different identity.

Things become even more complicated when the Spankers turn up and Sir Harcourt becomes aware of a growing attraction to Lady Spanker. The riotous fun unfolds as all the characters attempt to unravel the tangled situation.

Also starring are Ken Bradshaw as Dazzle, Mike Burnside as Grace's Uncle Max, Laurence Mitchell as Charles and Clare Corbett in her first lead professional role as Grace.

The production is directed by Nikolai Foster, whose recent work includes a national tour of Aspects of Love, starring David Essex, and Dead Funny for Oldham Coliseum's National Tour.

"Boucicault's accessible, witty and electrifying language stands the test of time and his colourful, multi-faceted characters never fail to inspire, delight and intrigue," Foster said. "Our production is set very much in the period it was intended, with the occasional modern twist."

"I am thrilled to be working with such an accomplished, exquisitely talented group of actors on this remarkable text."

Performances start at 7.30pm with 2.30pm matinees on Thursday and Saturday.

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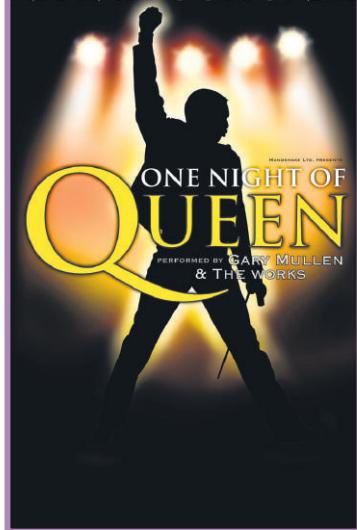
Described as a cross between Harry Connick Jr and Victor Borge, Okin is a world-class jazz singer, a pianist, guitarist, vocal trumpeter, trombonist and clarinetist. He has appeared alongside stars such as Paul McCartney, Van Morrison and Cleo Laine and has entertained the Queen.

James Sherwood (pictured) is also a talented musician and a regular choral singer at London churches, despite not being a Christian. He had a career in public relations before making his name in topical comedy, writing material for Private Eye and frequently appearing on the Sky News Paper Review.

The compere will be Cornish-born ex-boxer Matt Price. A unique stage presence, he takes his audience on a real journey with his poignant, heart-breaking and brutally funny stories.



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ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN

Wednesday, July 2
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ENJOY an evening in the company of Freddie Mercury when top impersonator Gary Mullen steps on stage.

Mullen blew the competition away when he entered the 2000 series of TV talent search Stars In Their Eyes as the Queen front man. He went on to win the series, launching a career which has taken the former computer operator from Glasgow into a world of touring and live shows.

Renowned for his uncanny impersonation of Mercury, from his vocal range to physical persona on stage, Mullen has even been praised by Mercury's former bandmates.

The two-hour show features some of the band's best-loved hits, with Mullen being backed by his band The Works. Stunning lights and superb musicianship make this show a 'must see' for Queen fans.

Formed in 1970 Queen became a phenomenally successful band. Mercury died in 1991 at the age of 45.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £17.50/£16. Phone the box office on 0870 4000 890, or go to www.leascliffhall.org.uk.

BRASS BAND DAY

Sunday, June 29
Dover Castle



THE castle's season of music events draws to a close this weekend with a celebration of brass.

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Music will include some classic tunes by the likes of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Count Basie and Duke Ellington. The event will run from 11am-4pm.

The music events have provided extra enjoyment for visitors, alongside the castle's fascinating attractions.

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For more information about the big day at Dover Castle, you can visit the website at www.english-heritage.org.uk.

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The racing will be flat/turf and takes place in the afternoon. Gates open at 12.30pm and the first race is due to start at 2.30pm, with the last race at 5.15pm. Information on race times can be found at www.folkestone-racecourse.co.uk.

Tickets bought online cost £12 for club and grandstand admission. Go to the website, or phone 01303 266407.

Good food, good laugh - good night out at bar

GET your laughing gear around a delicious meal and enjoy some top comedy acts at the Sandgate Lounge Hotel & Bar in Folkestone.

Christian Knowles Productions holds comedy nights at the hotel in Wellington Terrace, taking place on the last Thursday of the month. The next is due tomorrow.

Tickets cost £5 on the door or £24.95 for the entertainment and a two-course dinner. To book dinner, phone 01303 220444.

Try this princely venue for rock covers man

ROCK soloist Cuda will be performing at a pub in Hythe this weekend.

The singer performs a selection of both old and new rock covers, including hits by artists from The Beatles to Bon Jovi. He will be appearing at the Prince of Wales in Dymchurch Road on Saturday.

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A two course meal starts at £16.95, or

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The restaurant boast a mouth-watering array of puddings by the chef.

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During the Napoleonic Wars, it was the stronghold of the Aldington Gang – an infamous band of smugglers who roamed the marshes and shores of Kent.

High up on the southern side of the pub is a small window, through which the gang would shine a signal to their confederates on Aldington Knoll. The ghost of George



Ransley, a bygone smuggler, is reputed to haunt the inn and many strange happenings have been reported.

The Walnut Tree has an excellent restaurant which serves fine food. A speciality is sizzling grillstones, the oldest form of cooking. Diners cook their meat dish on stones at the table. The Walnut Tree has offered this method for seven years and is extremely popular.

Alongside it offers a selection of home-cooked fare as well as Sunday roasts. It has also just added 125 ways to have sausage and mash to the menu.

See the new website for details www.walnuttree.com.

The Walnut Tree opens from Tuesday to Saturday between midday and 11pm, on Sundays it closes at 10.30pm.

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TOP GEAR
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■ BY TOM BETTS

TV MONSTER Top Gear returned to our tellyboxes on Sunday, and Clarkson and co didn't waste much time in burning enough petrol to run a Shell garage dry while tearing a new hole in the ozone layer.

Not that anyone will really care – I mean what's the future of our planet when compared with an hour's quality escapism?

It's remarkable how this show has become engrained into the national psyche in the past few years, especially since, in its former incarnation (more motoring magazine show than jet-propelled stunt festival), it was axed.

Top Gear has since gone on to become event TV, not easy in a world where we have about 200 channels to choose from.

Millions of us, including many such as me who really don't care much about cars, sit down on a Sunday night for our petroleum fix to drool at cars we know we'll never own.

While it is Clarkson and Hammond who dominate the headlines and often the show itself, for me it is James May who is the real star of the show.

The eminently watchable, shaggy-haired slowcoach, the type of Englishman we thought had perhaps disappeared altogether from our green and pleasant land, has long been the brunt of his cohorts' jokes.

Occasionally it has been with good reason, but to counteract Hammond's



TOP BOYS: Hammond, Clarkson and May have made BBC TWO's Top Gear must-see television

sarcasm and Clarkson's bombastic 'Tim-always-right' bravado, there is no better man in my book.

Indeed, it is undoubtedly the interaction between the three different characters that makes the wheels of this programme spin, and long may the wheels remain turning.

If ever there were an easier to-dip-into show than American comedy My Name is Earl, then I've yet to find it.

Starring Jason Lee as the personable title character this little gem, it is worth half-an-hour of anyone's time.

Our hero is a lotto winner and intent on making the most of his good fortune by righting the wrongs he committed in the past and rebalancing his karma.

This series has taken place within the confines of a prison and, despite our protagonist being very much the free spirit, the switch has kept the formula from going stale.

Like Top Gear, it's one to take in if the words 'enjoyable romp' describe your kind of taste.

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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19) YOUR health gets a tremendous boost. If you've been suffering from a nagging ache or pain, you could finally get the right diagnosis or treatment. Be sure to write down an appointment with a business or romantic partner or you could forget all about it.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20) A COMPULSION to rage against the machine will subside this week. Right now, you're more interested in affairs of the heart. A reliable friend could take some responsibilities from your shoulders, which comes as a huge relief. Beware of overindulging or you could get a bad reputation.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763

TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21) BULLYING your family will reflect poorly on you.

Although you think you're perfectly justified in speaking out, outsiders will see your behaviour quite differently. Keep in mind you may be too emotionally involved with this situation to think about it rationally.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753

GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22) SOMEONE'S vague directions are driving you to distraction. It may be impossible to contain your frustration with this person. Put down your feelings in writing, and then have a third party review this note before you send it. Resist the urge to get personal in your communications.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754

LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

ASSUMING a low profile is best right now. You're easily irritated and may take out your anger on a loved one. If you feel your temper starting to spiral out of control, retreat to a quiet place where you can collect yourself. It's especially important to be patient with your nearest and dearest.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 22)

YOU'LL have more time for social pursuits, which comes as a welcome relief. You could be put in charge of a large team effort. You'll get more out of the group by praising their strengths than focusing on their weaknesses. That doesn't mean you should abandon your standards.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU'RE eager to expand your horizons. Beware of giving an ultimatum to an authority figure or you could get in serious trouble. Although your temper is justified, he is in a position of power and you are not. Try to let off steam at the gym or on the sports field.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOUR love life is hotting up. Suddenly it doesn't seem so scary to relinquish your independence in the name of love. Take care not to make an expert look foolish, or you could make a enemy of this person. This may not bother you now, but you may need this authority's help later.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19) UNREALISTIC expectations of a friend could prompt an angry outburst. If a loved one has a history of being unable to perform in a certain capacity, find someone else to do the job. Spending more time at home gives you an opportunity to express your creativity.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752

CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23) THE spotlight will be trained firmly on you this week. There's never been a better time to interview for jobs, ask for favours and display your creative work. Be sure to take some constructive criticism to heart. A few small changes could turn a good project into a great one.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755

LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

CAREER matters are highlighted. If you want a promotion or high-profile job, now is the time to apply for it. Your past kindnesses are starting to pay off. Don't let peer pressure prompt you to do something you'll later regret. Remember children are taking their cues from you.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

THIS is an excellent week to sign a contract, enter into a partnership, get engaged, or recite wedding vows. Beware of jealousy rearing its ugly head in a romantic relationship. Giving your the benefit of the doubt will earn their everlasting loyalty. Shocking news could be a red herring.

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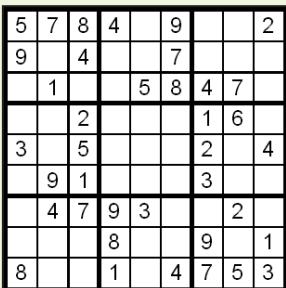
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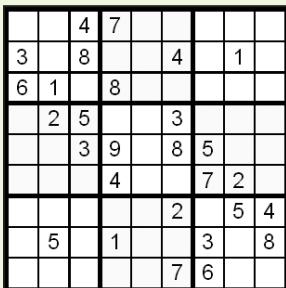
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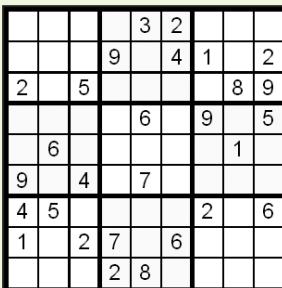
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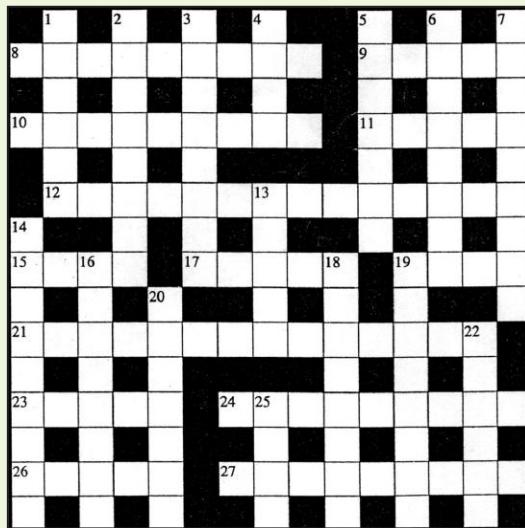
ACROSS

- 8 Lady carpenter in the east (9)
- 9 Bloomer with neat edge (5)
- 10 Abhor Moabite, an eccentric (9)
- 11 Composer Elizabeth before junction going round the bend (5)
- 12 Cheating by voting twice (6-8)
- 15 You are, we hear, giving affirmative answer (4)
- 17 Warren alarmed members about part of the body (5)
- 19 Plant right inside bog (4)
- 21 Where to find motorist in control (6,3,5)
- 23 I sent new picture (5)
- 24 During Whitsun, concerned about apathy (9)
- 26 Chaos had been cut short by very old civic head (5)
- 27 Given accommodation that is divided into four (9)

DOWN

- 1 Centre of activity where electric blanket has been working? (6)
- 2 Very nearly opening drink (8)
- 3 Grocer who wrote mystery and crime novels (8)
- 4 How needlewomen bring the brows closer together (4)
- 5 Silly trifle, his recipe (7)
- 6 The whole seasoning in Jamaica pepper (8)
- 7 Climbing scaffolding drawing attention away from another (9)
- 13 Certainty for commander-in-chief Henry (5)
- 14 I reportedly have cheerful plant (9)
- 16 Side have removed glue (8)
- 18 Ground rule first in hall of justice (3-5)
- 19 Arrow maker rearranged her cleft (8)
- 20 Freed one in France, baffled (7)
- 22 It's a storage place provisionally (6)
- 25 Proper part of speech? (4)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 8 Appointed (9)
- 9 Force off (5)
- 10 Auk (9)
- 11 Small rodent (5)
- 12 Treasure Island character (4,4,6)
- 15 Yorkshire river (4)
- 17 Bleat (anag.) (5)
- 19 Layout (4)
- 21 Put an end to (5,2,3,4)
- 23 Moorland (5)
- 24 Treacherous beach (9)
- 26 Due (5)
- 27 Stew (9)

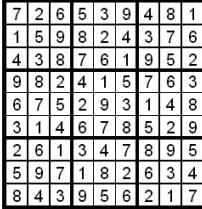
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- 1 Scribble (6)
- 2 Condemn strongly (8)
- 3 Large aeroplane (5,3)
- 4 Knock down (4)
- 5 Harsh (7)
- 6 Ratification (8)
- 7 Blossoming (9)
- 13 Custom (5)
- 14 Exultant (4-1-4)
- 16 Picadors (anag.) (8)
- 18 Bodily exertion (8)
- 19 Urgency (8)
- 20 To an excessive level (3-4)
- 22 Hang (6)
- 25 Western US state (4)

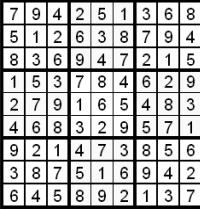
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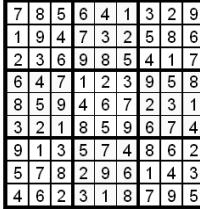
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HEADLINE PERFORMANCE: The legendary New York Dolls will be appearing in the Cow Shed at Lounge On The Farm

Prepare to be rocked by dolls

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

GODFATHERS of glam punk the New York Dolls will headline the second day of this year's Lounge On The Farm festival.

The influential 70s outfit, famed for their extravagant and raucous performances, will truly test the 'lounge' aspect of the three-day event's name – bringing their trademark rock, rock and more rock sound to Merton Farm's cow shed.

For those not in the know, the American hell-raisers provided the inspiration for the likes of Kiss and Motley Crue, and even the UK's most cherished anti-establishment/monarchy/order rock'n'rollers, the Sex Pistols.

A spokesman for the Canterbury festival said: "We're ecstatic to be able to announce legendary proto-punk heroes the New York Dolls will be headlining on Saturday."

"As the band's only UK headline festival appearance for 2008, this is a gilt-edged opportunity to catch one of rock'n'roll's greatest live bands at close quarters. David Johansen, Sylvain Sylvain and crew are set to plough through the old classics like Trash and Jet Boy, as well as new material from their recent *One Day It Will Please Us To Remember Even This* album, which is sure to blow the straw from your ears."

Other acts confirmed to appear from Friday to Sunday, July 11-13, include The Coral – doing an acoustic set – the slightly unhinged Art Brut and Mystery Jets.

DJ sets will also be provided by former Specials frontman Terry Hall and his Dexy's Midnight Runners equivalent, Kevin Rowland.

Aside from the music, LOTF organisers have stayed true to their humble ethos of including locally-produced food and drink by announcing a Kentish recipe contest.

Wannabe Gordon Ramsays are invited to submit their favourite recipes to recipe@loungeonthefarm.co.uk or in person at the Samphire restaurant in Whitstable.

These tasty treats will then be whittled down to a top five and prepared live on the final day of the festival by their kitchen supremo Rob Cooper.

Masterchef's Gregg Wallace will be on hand to pick his favourite, earning its creator a free meal for four at the restaurant and their recipe a place on the menu.

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Based on the best-seller by Scott B Smith, *The Ruins* follows a group of friends who become entangled in a brutal struggle for survival after visiting an archaeological dig in the Mexican jungle --where they discover something deadly among the ruins.

TEETH (18)



High-school student Dawn (Jess Weixler) works hard at suppressing her budding sexuality by being the most active member of the local chastity group. Her task is made more difficult by her beauty and her bad-boy stepbrother's provocative behaviour. Previously a stranger to her own body, innocent Dawn makes a shocking discovery about herself.

ADULTHOOD (15)



Powerful, disturbing and moving in equal measure, 2005's acclaimed *Adulthood* took us deep into London's unseen underbelly -- now it's time to grow up. After Sam Peal is released from jail for killing Trife, he finds difficulty adjusting to life on the outside. He is forced to confront the people he hurt.

This field of dreams

■ BY KATE WHITING

BRIAN Cox is resting on a bright red sofa, recalling the toughest day of filming on his latest movie *The Escapist*.

The veteran actor joined Joseph Fiennes, Damien Lewis and Dominic Cooper in Dublin on a tight 26-day shoot to make the prison break thriller -- and the whole cast had to pull together.

"There's a scene where they come to a wall and break through it and build a tunnel. The day we were doing it, we had lost a morning due to a change in the schedule and I thought, 'We're not going to do this, it's ridiculous,'" he admits.

"But we worked really fast and the sense of commitment was incredibly moving. I suddenly thought, 'Wow, we know what we're up against,' in terms of the characters in the story -- and to get the film made. That was a fantastic day."

Cast bonding aside, it's fair to say the film wouldn't have been made at all had it not been for Cox's involvement. In fact, it was written with him in mind.

The 62-year-old star of the Bourne films had met first-time director Rupert Wyatt when they worked together for three days on a short film called *Get The Picture*.

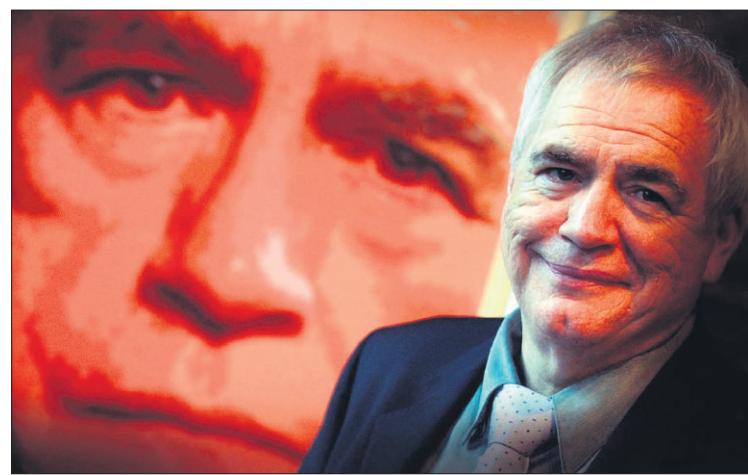
Cox had just completed filming on *Troy* and was suffering from flu when he met up with Wyatt for the evening and gave him an offer he couldn't refuse -- to write a strong central character he could play in a feature film.

"We'd had a lot of wine that evening and I'm very keen on encouraging new talent, because if you take care of them they'll take care of you. As I get older, it's quite important to be taken care of" he explains, with a chuckle.

The *Escapist* centres around Frank Perry (Cox), a prisoner resigned to spending the rest of his days inside for a crime he committed long ago.

But when Frank receives a letter from his estranged daughter, saying she is critically ill after an overdose, he decides to escape so he can see her again.

However, he can't do so without help, so he gathers together a motley crew of other con-



NEW TALENT: Brian Cox is keeping the torch burning by encouraging writers and attracting audiences to watch films

victs for the job -- each with their own special skills.

"It's the classic 'men in dire straits' situation," says Brian, in his soft Scottish brogue.

"It's a wonderful movie because everybody has a pride in what they do and a real gift and that's what's so good about taking the prison escape genre on."

Dundee-born Cox made his name on the stage as a member of the Royal Shakespeare Company. He married his second wife, German actress Nicole Ansari-Cox, in 2002 and the couple have two young sons.

He also has two children, including actor son Alan Cox, from his 18-year marriage to Caroline Burt.

Like his character Frank, who has seen a lot of things change in the prison system over the years, Cox says it is much harder these days to get a film made and, more importantly, seen.

"The toughest part is not making of the film, it's how do you get your audience?" he says.

"This idea of 'I will build it and they will come,' this field of dreams. That's exactly what it is, a field of dreams."

"The reality is something else. It's an ongoing struggle to keep the torch burning."

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"WATCH out!" cried our fresh-faced guide, Yarab. Our mini-van screeched to a halt as the driver slammed on the breaks, thrusting us forward.

"It's OK – we missed her," Yarab said with a note of relief in his voice.

Could it have been a pedestrian? Hardly likely. At 4,000 metres and surrounded by clouds, we were on one of the highest road passes in the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan. In fact, our vehicle had come to a shuddering stop to avoid a chicken crossing the road.

It is against the dominant religion in Bhutan – Drukpa or Tibetan Buddhism – to harm any living being, even a fly... or a chicken, come to that. It's a way of life that makes for a gentle race of warm-hearted and deeply spiritual people in the spectacular mountain kingdom.

There are not enough superlatives in the dictionary to describe Bhutan. Clichés like 'heaven on earth' ring true here.

Incredible scenery, a fascinating heritage, a rich culture of Buddhism and selfless people make a trip 'an experience like no other', 'never to be forgotten' and 'mesmerising'.

Often referred to as 'the last Shangri-La', it is indeed a mystical place, sandwiched between India and China, and neighbouring Tibet and Nepal.

Rich, deep, green valleys make up the west, subtropical jungles the south, while the snow-covered peaks of the Himalaya are to the north.

Almost completely cut off for centuries,

■ BY VICTORIA MITCHEL

Bhutan, which has population of some 700,000, only began to open up to outsiders in the 1970s.

You won't find many backpackers, though, as visitors have to pay a government tax of 200 US dollars per day for the privilege of being in the country.

Tourism is still restricted and has to be arranged through a travel agent, but more and more people are being allowed in.

Arriving in to Bhutan itself is an adventure. The only airport, in Paro, about 30 miles from the capital Thimphu, lies deep in one of the picturesque valleys.

This makes for a nerve-wracking landing as you descend with what seems like inches to spare. But in its 24 years of operation, the national airline has never had any mishaps.

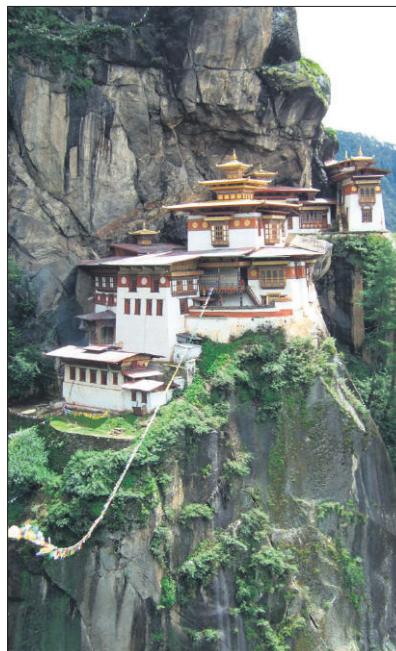
Hotels here are limited in number, but one which stands out is the luxurious Uma Paro, a boutique hotel built around a traditional, white-washed stone house.

Everything about the hotel – from its minimalist lobby to the beautiful one-bedroom villas – spells understated luxury and there's a strong emphasis on relaxation.

Paro valley offers so much for visitors and no visit would be complete without a trek to the Taktsang, the country's most famous monastery.

Also known as Tiger's Nest, the pretty, whitewashed monastery hangs on a cliff at 900 metres above the floor of the valley.

One of the most popular routes into the country is the 50-minute Druk Air flight via



SPECTACULAR: The monastery at Taktsang – the Tiger's Nest

Calcutta and our party spent two nights at the five-star Sonar Hotel in Calcutta, which belongs to the Sheraton hotel group, en route.

Paro and Calcutta could not be further removed, despite being neighbours. Calcutta is a frenetic and crowded city buzzing with busy streets – the perfect antidote is a few days in Paro, where you'll feel on top of the world.

FACT FILE: BHUTAN

Time difference	UK + 5 hour
Capital	Thimphu
Population	672,425
Currency	Ngultrum (89 to £1 approx)
Religion	Buddhism
Climate	Sub-tropical
Language	Dzongkha

Holiday details

Victoria Mitchell travelled via Calcutta to Bhutan with Greaves Travel, which specialises in tailor-made tours to the subcontinent. Its nine-day package, including five-night Himalayan Discovery package in Bhutan with full-board accommodation at Uma Paro starts at £2,690 (two sharing). Package also includes BA and Druk Air flights, two nights at ITC Sonar Hotel in Calcutta, transfers and sightseeing with air-conditioned cars in Calcutta and in Bhutan, with English-speaking guides and portage at airports. Regional departures connecting with Heathrow start around £80 return. Greaves Travel reservations: 0207 4879111 or www.greavesindia.com.



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PROPERTY NEWS

Collapsing chains creating problem

IN a volatile property market, one of the major things that sellers have to be wary of is getting into a long chain.

Instability means transactions are more likely to go wrong – so in a chain all the participants would be affected.

The Fall Through Index produced by QuickmoveNow, a company which buys homes from sellers wanting a quick sale, indicates the risk of a sale falling through has doubled since 2006 and stands at about 50 per cent.

Spencer Botchin, of Kinleigh Folkard and Hayward estate agency, said: "Collapsing chains are increasingly common.

"In particular, this is happening with 'down valuations' after mortgage surveys where cautious surveyors value the property at a lower price, reducing the amount that buyers can borrow and resulting in them having to pull out, or simply when buyers have a change of heart."

One possible solution is for any person in the chain who has a cash shortfall to be covered by others, either in the form of a loan or grant.

Another possibility is to have standbys in the chain – people who may not have been ready to sell when it started but may be later in the year.

Swingles sustain designer market

THE Sex and the City-style singles market for designer properties is still resilient, with people who live alone looking to buy despite the continuing gloom which surrounds home values.

Whether male or female, they want somewhere which is secure as well as close to where there is nightlife and action such as bars and restaurants.

They also want new homes to be easy to commute from – and they do want ultra-cool, contemporary homes with all the hi-tech features.

Impressing guests is high on the list, so all factors in choosing a home are taken into account.

And they are making a positive impact on the market as so many are looking to buy at the top end, which stimulates demand and helps to fight off recession.

"In high-end developments the proportion of single buyers is around 20 per cent, split equally between men and women, with a large chunk of that made up of divorced people," said Ed Lewis, head of Savills New Homes.

Always a silver lining for some investors

And fixed-rate lending goes up despite trend

■ BY NICK AMES

A SURVEY by Abbey has revealed that some people quite like the idea of falling house prices as it could be something that helps them when it comes to investment.

The findings stated 3.9 million homeowners were happy to wait to see how the market panned out.

But 1.2 million said recent dips in price were an opportunity to move up the housing ladder with bargains coming on to the market.

In addition, 827,000 believe the best move for them is to sell up, rent for a time while prices continue to fall, then buy again at a cheaper cost, pocketing the profit.

However, while these findings seem to show that, even in a market downturn, many good investment opportunities arise, there may be good news of stability on the horizon.

Market analysts have seen a slight increase in value alongside other indications that confidence in the industry is returning.

Anomaly

Department for Communities and Local Government figures for house prices in April, based on mortgage completions, showed a 0.7 per cent rise in prices.

Set against recent polls indicating price falls, that might be seen as just an anomaly, but figures for the month from the Council of Mortgage Lenders have also indicated a pick-up in lending.

The figures for the month showed an eight per cent increase in volume since March, rising from £24.1 billion to £26.1 billion.

While this was still five per cent lower than a year earlier, that compares favourably with the year-on-year figures in March, which were down 24 per cent from 2007.

Another feature of the trend was that fixed-rate lending has gone up. This accounted for 59 per cent of all deals, compared with 54 per cent in March.

CML director general Michael Coogan said: "There has been a resurgence of fixed-rate lending as borrowers are seeking certainty."

"This trend is likely to continue as the anticipation of future Bank base rate cuts has diminished."



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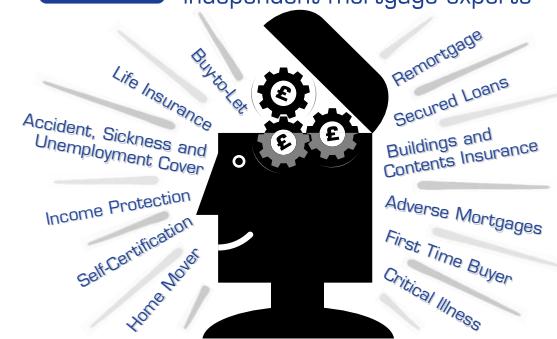
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MOTORS NEWS



Workshop gives ladies tips on driving safely

VAUXHALL dealership FG Barnes of Maidstone has made local women more aware of how to protect themselves against the dangers they could face on the road.

The site at Sutton Road, Parkwood, held a 'Women in the Driving Seat' workshop evening in response to media coverage about the risks to women road users.

There was practical advice on mechanics, roadside get-you-home tips, defensive driving and how to ward off a possible 'road rage' attacker (pictured).



Showroom combining its used and new cars

INVICTA Motors has consolidated its Canterbury operations by moving used car sales to the group's main site at 59/61 Sturry Road, Canterbury.

Used car sales manager John Boorman explained that Esso's plans to re-develop the old used car site's neighbouring Lakeside petrol forecourt, suggested the timing.

Used car buyers can now view stock alongside new cars and the service and parts departments. Invicta's sounds and security arm, Canterbury Car Radio, is also now based within the showrooms.



Your extreme pictures could win you a X-Trail

BAILEYS Nissan is seeking 'adrenaline junkies' in Canterbury.

As part of the Nissan Sports Adventure campaign, the dealership wants adventure-lovers to submit action pictures of themselves perhaps 'catching air' on a skateboard, in action on skis or stunt-riding a mountain bike.

The winning adventurer will have a weekend's use of a Nissan 4x4 like the X-Trail (pictured).

Baileys' dealer principal Brian Smith said: "We want to see just how daring our town is."



ECO-FRIENDLY: Skoda has come up trumps with its new ultra-green Fabia Greenline with an average 70mpg and emissions low enough to qualify for road tax band-B

Skoda's Fabia Greenline travel saves – at a price

HOW much do you want to slash your motoring costs and help save the planet?

Enough to buy Skoda's ultra-green and appropriately named Fabia Greenline diesel supermini?

From £11,495 for the hatchback version to £12,145 for the estate, tested and pictured here, you could average around 70mpg and cut your emissions to just 109g/km of CO₂ – low enough to qualify for road tax band-B (£35/year).

And you won't pay much extra for this green paragon; a conventional Fabia hatchback with the same engine and similar spec costs around £200 less – cash you recover quickly via the Greenline's fuel savings.

Skoda claims the Greenline estate version is actually the greenest, leanest and most competitively priced in its class.

The Czech car maker has achieved this miserliness by fitting further aerodynamic panels beneath the chassis, replacing the spare tyre with a puncture repair kit and raising the front bumper by 35mm.

But there is a 'but' and one we are all going to have to face sooner or later as we strive for

ROAD TEST

SKODA FABIA

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

or are forced towards greener motoring, for the Greenline is not exactly a treat to drive.

Sure the Fabia range generally grips, handles and rides better than many in the supermini segment, but the Greenline's 80bhp 1.4-litre engine is both a three-cylinder and a diesel, a double-disadvantage on the refinement front.

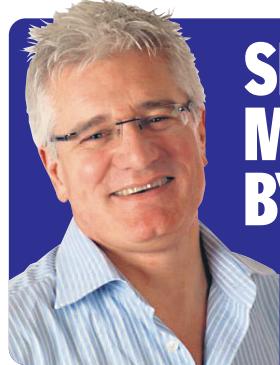
The only time the racket fades is during motorway cruising, when you also have the satisfaction of knowing that a tall fifth gear is allowing the car to sip fuel, making the Greenline ideal for a regular and increasingly expensive daily commute.

Skoda has also made the latest Fabia a brighter place to be; endless dark trimming of the cabin in the old car has been replaced with a two-tone scheme.

As before, the quality of the materials is robust while the dashboard is well-organised, with decent stowage.

Space front and back is generous for this class and the estate works well, delivering 480 litres of boot space or 1,460 of load space with seats folded, compared with 300/1,168 for the hatch.

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Model shown is new Fabia GreenLine 1.4 TDI PD 80bhp at £11,495 RRP.

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*In order to claim the exemption from congestion charges, customers will be required to register with Transport for London and pay an annual £10 fee. More detail can be found at www.tfl.gov.uk

USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

FORD MONDEO



ONCE THE UK's favourite car, its fall from favour reflects changing tastes rather than the Mondeo's ability. The car's greatest weakness is the bonnet badge – something the latest generation car tries to overcome with Germanic quality and detail. The previous car was well-built, superb to drive and incredibly spacious. Apart from the best-selling hatchback there is a saloon and one of the roomiest estates in the sector, plus a massive range of engines.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

FAMILY CARS

THIS sector used to dominate the UK car market, but sales have been eroded by new categories such as the 4x4 sports utility vehicle (SUV) and MPV or 'people carrier' and encroachment by upmarket compact executive models like the BMW 3-Series, which now outsells the former UK market leader – the Ford Mondeo. Nevertheless, many second-hand car buyers still like the idea of a spacious, comfortable and more conventional family runabout and preferably one with a hatchback, so here are three popular sellers based on ability and value.

VAUXHALL VECTRA



MUCH of that said about the Mondeo applies to its arch-rival, the Vectra. Instead of slugging it out toe-to-toe, these two old prize-fighters are now back-to-back facing threats from other directions. The Vectra matches the Mondeo in most areas, but the Vectra is chunkier and the interior so well built that it almost intimidates. The choice of bodies echoes the Mondeo and the estate is the best load carrier in this sector thanks to a longer wheelbase.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

NISSAN PRIMERA



NISSAN'S final Primera was launched in 2002 and could not contrast more with its staid predecessors. The teardrop lines made it one of the most distinctive cars in this class, perhaps too much so for some – hastening its demise – but it offers great driving pleasure, terrific value and reliability, plus good Renault-sourced turbodiesels for endurance and economy. The range was latterly streamlined to concentrate on the hatchback and the spacious and rather more elegant estate.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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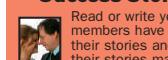
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Outgoing female, 31, tall, skinny, like going out, eating out, socialising, walks, looking for a funny, light, gentle friend, and good looks for a romantic companion. Box 440210

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ARE YOU MY RIGHT?

Single Mum, 30, 5ft2, short brown hair, petite, loves pub, clubs, eating out, nights in, seeking Mr Right for friendship, maybe more. Box 437995

CUDDLY

32yr old female, 5ft5, brown hair, curvy figure! I enjoy having fun and a laugh and WLMT nice, kind gent. Box 439402

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FUN-LOVING

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Attractive female, 32, single, 5ft6, pure country lass, farming background, seeking my lovely country man to make me happy forever. Box 892265

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Outgoing female, young-looking female, 45, 5ft5, brown hair, blonde, Tanning, Likes caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107

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Kind, caring female, 35, 5ft6, medium build, likes reading, music, countryside, walking, WLMT male for fun and friendship! Box 431557

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REF: 491 - OPERATIONS MANAGER - YOUNG PERSONS' SERVICES

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Should you wish to discuss this opportunity informally, please call Peter Gallagher or Claire Goulding on 01795 590635 or e-mail peter@kca.org.uk or claire@kca.org.uk

For an application form and information pack, please contact: **KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Tel 01795 590635, Fax 01795 539351, email recruitment@kca.org.uk, website www.kca.org.uk.**

Closing date: 13th July 2008

Interview date: 21st July 2008

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30 hours per week

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MEN moan more than women – when it comes to business.

Males are more likely to complain of bad experiences than females, according to research by customer review directory, www.bview.co.uk, which carries tens of thousands of Kent company profiles.

Men gave companies an average customer approval of 53 per cent while the ladies gave average scores of 68 per cent.

BView MD Adam Baker said: "The idea of Britain being a nation of grumpy male consumers seems to ring true, but despite requests, we never remove these critical reviews from a company's profile page."

Longer lives increasing our retirement worries

MORE than half the people in the South East are worried about being able to finance their retirement if they live for ten years longer than today's average life span of 82 years, according to research released by Life Trust Insurance.

The new company, formed to offer financial services to help protect people against the increasing likelihood of longer lifespan, warns that increased longevity could see many needing to rethink their finances as they continue to underestimate their life expectancy.

Increasing longevity is now a fact of life and the trend continues to rise.

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Schoolboy tags on to an eco-friendly idea

■ BY **TONY PATEY**

A TEENAGE tycoon was presented with a special award at one of the most prestigious events in Kent's business calendar.

Schoolboy Charlie Artingstoll, 16, became the youngest-ever winner at the Kent Business Awards where he received a certificate for Entrepreneurial Merit.

Charlie, of Upper Harbledown, near Canterbury, set up his eco-friendly wooden tag business, Timbertags, two years ago when he was just 14, and he supplies among other things plant labels and place names for 'green' weddings.

He said: "I go out of my way to ensure that all the wood from my tags is from recycled sources, which I get from a huge variety of local firms, ranging from joineries to guitar makers.

"By using their waste it results in less waste wood being burnt or ending up in landfill.

"Since I'm very environmentally-conscious, I donate a percentage of the profit from orders to the Kent Wildlife Trust, which performs various environment related projects in my area. I have also won an award in Kent Environmental Business Awards for the most inspirational business."

Robin Fegan, Kent Business Award director, said: "Charlie is a fantastic role model to the young people of Kent and we hope his success will give confidence to other young people with entrepreneurial ambitions."

PageSuite, the business associate of KOS Media which developed the ground-breaking page-turning technology for the e-editions featured on our websites, was also a winner at the event and walked off with the Innovation in Business award.

The event was organised by Priory PR and Events and hosted by ITV Meridian's Sangeeta Bhabra.

Companies in the spotlight included Hadlow College (Kent Large Company of the Year); Robert O'Connor from Howletts and Port



A FORWARD THINKER: Kent Business Award director Robin Fegan presents Charlie Artingstoll with his certificate

Lympne Wild Animal Park (Kent Business Person of the Year); Shepherd Neame of Faversham (Corporate Social Responsibility Award) and Sweep recycling of Sittingbourne (Best New Business Award).

Meaningful

Royal British Legion Industries of Aylesford, secured an outstanding double triumph by winning the Social Care Award and the Judges' Award for Excellence as the best all-round company selected from the award finalists.

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Other winners were: Regent Development Ltd, Dartford (Kent Small and Medium Sized Company of the Year); Bussroot, Beltring, Paddock Wood (Creative Industries Award); Computer Tel, Gravesend (Customer Service Award) and Sota Solutions, Kent Science Park, Sittingbourne (Technology Award).

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Striker Gary Mulligan explains why he will be staying with the Gills this season

Solid team effort eases Folkestone past Tenterden

AN EXCELLENT all-round display gave Folkestone 2nd XI a richly deserved 86-run victory against Tenterden on Saturday.

Put into bat, Anthony Stanley and Chris Raymond got the visitors off to a good start by putting on 82 for the first wicket.

Raymond went on to hit 76 and with Nick Graham's unbeaten 61, Folkestone posted an impressive 252-6 from 50 overs. Simon Bessant was the pick of the bowlers with 3-67.

In reply, Nick Daynes hit 52 but found little support as Tenterden were reduced to 88-5 after four wickets from Tariq Mir.

A partnership of 59 between Tim Russell and Alastair Hudd got the hosts back on track, but once it came to

CRICKET

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

an end the Tenterden tail failed to wag.

Victory kept Folkestone in touch with the top three, while defeat sent Tenterden level with second bottom Hartley at the other end of the table.

Elsewhere, Folkestone came out on top in the match between the clubs' first teams.

Batting first, Folkestone were all out for 154 at Cheriton Road, but Tenterden struggled in reply and collapsed to 52 all out. The win eased the home side clear of the relegation zone, while Tenterden are five points adrift of safety.



ONE-SIDED: Folkestone marched to a comfortable win against Tenterden

KENT CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION ONE 2ND XI

Tenterden 2nd XI v Folkestone 2nd XI

	Runs
Folkestone	
Anthony Stanley ct Bessant b Knight (smr)	23
Chris Raymond ct Pearman b Saunders	76
David Miles run out	11
Sam Magar ct Curteis b Bessant	4
Nick Graham not out	61
Ryan Currie b Bessant	39
Neil Taylor b Bessant	4
Nathan Ingleston did not bat	0
Liam Hark did not bat	0
Tariq Mir did not bat	0
Richard Hall did not bat	0
Tenterden	
Nick Daynes lbw b Mir	52
Simon Bessant ct Magar b Mir	12
Bradley Hobbs ct Magar b Mir	9
Mark Barton ct Miles b Currie	4
Mark Brann b Mir	1
Tim Russell ct Raymond b Miles	44
Alastair Hudd b Ingleston	20
Richard Pearman b Miles	2
Stuart Saunders b Graham	5
Tevis Knight (smr) ct Ingleston b Miles	2
James Curteis not out	0
Extras	
(15b 1lb 11w) 27	
Total (6 wickets, 50 overs)	252

	Runs
Extras	
(5b 4lb 4w 2nb) 15	
Total (all out, 46.1 overs)	166

	Runs
Bowlers	
Mark Brann	0 M 2 45 0
James Curteis	11 0 22 0
Tevis Knight (smr)	15 1 78 1
Simon Bessant	15 1 67 3
Nick Daynes	1 0 6 0
Stuart Saunders	5 0 18 1
Extras	
(5b 4lb 4w 2nb) 15	
Total (6 wickets, 50 overs)	252

	Runs
Bowlers	
Nick Graham	5 2 21 1
Liam Hark	3 0 22 0
Tariq Mir	15 7 36 4
Ryan Currie	15 1 56 1
Simon Bessant	4 1 13 1
David Miles	4 1 9 3

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT CRICKET FEEDER

LEAGUE EAST 1A

Cowdrey 1st XI v

Deal Victoria & Barns Close 1st XI

Deal Victoria's grip on the East 1A lead weakened as they lost their second successive game, going down by three wickets against Cowdrey.

After a failure in the top order, which included three ducks, Leigh Walker and Andrew Miller steadied the innings. Ben Martin and Alex Hinkins added valuable late runs, but their score of 159 was below par.

Cowdrey batted with more composure and although Graham McNamara took three wickets, they reached their target with wickets and overs to spare.

Deal's lead at the top is now down to just two points.

Deal Victoria & Barns Close

	Runs
Austen Marsh	ct Needham b Clark
David Gibb	lbw b Lewis
Sam Killip	ct Warner b Lewis
Brendan Schiller	lbw b Lewis
Leigh Walker	ct Warner b Needham
Robbie Brannan	b Warner
Andrew Miller	ct Willcox b Needham
Ben Martin	not out
Graham McNamara	b Marshall
Alex Hinkins	& b Warner
Scott McNamara	run out
Extras	12
Total (all out, 41.1 overs)	159

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
John Clark	12	0	44	1
Schaeffer Lewis	9	0	32	3
Glen Warner	9.1	0	41	2
Will Needham	6	1	25	2
Cary Marshall	5	1	11	1

Cowdrey

	Runs
Andrew Hammond	b S McNamara
Jack Southwart	b Hinkins
Jonathan Owen	ct Branan b Hinkins
Edward Stevenson	ct Hinkins b G McNamara
Steve Smith	st Killip b G McNamara
Glen Warner	ct Schiller b G McNamara
Stephen Willcox	not out
Sebastian Lewis	ct Walker b Gibb
Will Needham	not out
Gary Marshall	did not bat
John Clark	did not bat
Extras	3
Total (7 wickets, 41.0 overs)	162

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Alex Hinkins	12	2	40	2
Scott McNamara	8	2	33	1
Graham McNamara	12	2	31	3
Leigh Walker	3	0	19	0
Ben Martin	5.4	1	36	0
David Gibb	1	0	1	1

KENT CRICKET FEEDER

LEAGUE EAST 2C

Hythe 3rd XI v

Herne Bay 2nd XI

A HALF century from Phil Rose was not enough for Hythe as they failed to chase down an impressive 213 target set by Herne Bay.

Hythe won the toss and elected to bowl, but were unable to restrict a fast starting Herne Bay side, who made 213 off of 40 overs with Steve Hanson top scoring with 95.

With a large total to chase, Hythe needed a quick reply, but they lost their first four batsmen for just 21.

Rose's 64 was the only resistance as Hythe could only record 141.

Herne Bay

	Runs
Dan Lawrence	ct Gibson b Watambwa
Robert Lawrence	ct Hasselbide b Tosland
Mark Latham	b Kirby
Steve Hanson	ct Maloney b Tosland
Steven Gilbert	b Tosland
Paul Lawrence	not out
Chris Wickens	not out
Shaun O'Shea	did not bat
Ben Latham	did not bat
Sam Taylor	did not bat
Mike Dyson	did not bat
Extras	0
Total (5 wickets, 40 overs)	213

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Liberty Watambwa	10	2	33	1
Tom Homewood	10	0	33	0
Benjamin Tosland	10	0	51	3
Edward Kirby	10	0	63	1

Hythe

	Runs
Tom Homewood	b Latham
Liberty Watambwa	b Latham
Nigel Hasselbide	b Hanson
John Prebble	b Hanson
Phil Rose	run out
Tom Maloney	b Latham
Benjamin Tosland	b Hanson
Tom Homewood	b Hanson
Edward Kirby	b Latham
Ben Goff	not out
Common Gibson	not out
Extras	0
Total (9 wickets, 40 overs)	141

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Ben Latham	10	0	31	4
Steve Hanson	10	0	28	4
Mark Latham	9	0	22	0
Dan Lawrence	8	0	20	1
Chris Wickens	3	0	14	0
Robert Lawrence	4	0	26	0

KENT CRICKET LEAGUE

DIVISION TWO

Chestfield 1st XI v

Hythe 1st XI

HYTHE moved five points clear at the top of the table with a nine-wicket victory against bottom side Chestfield.

Dan Large did the damage with the ball, taking 6-32 as the home side were skittled out for just 114.

Hythe, who have lost just once this season, were never in danger and cruised to their target thanks mainly to an unbeaten 80 from opener Jon Smith.

Leon Morgan provided able support until he was dismissed late on.

They will face a stern test of their title credentials this Saturday when they host third-placed Hayes.

Chestfield

	Runs
Simon Buckingham	ct Furnival b Large
Andy Bennett	run out
Daniel Patching	run out
Jago Pearson	ct Furnival b Large
James Tooze	b Large
Paul Brivio	run out
Darren Scott	ct Duncombe b Large
Stephen Cox	ct Morgan b Large
Trevor Squire	b Large
Ben Highsted	lbw b Prowse
Chris Watson	lbw b Prowse
Varun Thakker	ct Large b Prowse
Joseph Whittington	not out
Extras	6
Total (2b 3lb 1nb)	114

Bowlers

	0	M	R	W
Michael Dwyer	8	2	27	0
Dan Large	15	6	32	6
Patrick Owen	3	0	18	0
Andrew Prowse	8.1	1	24	2
Hamish Morrison	4	1	9	0

Hythe

	Runs
Jon Smith	not out
Leon Morgan	ct Brivio b Fookes
Trevor Squire	not out
Hamish Morrison	did not bat
Dan Large	did not bat
Patrick Owen	did not bat
Andrew Prowse	did not bat
Christopher Duncombe	did not bat
Unsure	did not bat
Extras	0
Total (1 wickets, 18.3 overs)	116

Bowlers

Hess likes what he sees from trialists

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

DOVER ATHLETIC manager Andy Hessenthaler believes he is close to signing a new striker and midfielder after two players impressed at a trial last week.

Hessenthaler was unable to name the two players, but is confident they will join Dover Athletic for their pre-season campaign, which begins on July 12.

Hessenthaler told Yourshepway: "We have got a new striker coming in who impressed me at a trial last week. I cannot name him as he is yet to sign a deal, but I am confident he will join us for pre-season training."

"There may also be a chance of another midfielder joining us soon. I hope they will be with the squad for the pre-season friendly against Faversham Town."

Midfielder Alan Pouton's future at Crabbe remains uncertain, but he will be coming back for pre-season training according to the Whites manager.

The former Gillingham midfielder struggled with injury last season and made just 25 appearances in the club's title-winning season.

Hessenthaler said: "Alan has not yet signed a new deal for next season, but he will be coming to pre-season training."

"We are still trying to thrash out a deal for him, but he has still got to make a decision."

The Whites boss was also named Ryman



UNCERTAIN FUTURE: Injury-hit Alan Pouton (centre in red) has yet to sign on for another season at Crabbe

Division One South manager of the year at the Ryman League awards last week.

He added: "It is always nice to be acknowledged for your work, but it was a whole team effort last season, not just me. The chairman,

my assistant Darren Hare, the fans and everyone involved at the club made it possible."

"The time has flown by since I joined Dover, but I have loved every minute of it and am looking forward to the challenge this season."

Below-par Stupple has eye on Open prize

GOLF

KAREN STUPPLES will be fresh going into tomorrow's US Open after missing the cut at last weekend's Wegmans LPGA event in New York.

The 35-year-old from Deal finished on seven over par, six shots away from qualifying for the final two rounds.

Her problems began late on the back nine of the first round when she signed off with back-to-back sixes to drop three shots, ending with a five over par 77.

Stupple improved in the second round, but was unable to shoot the low score she needed to make the weekend.

Playing par golf through the first ten holes, she dropped shots on the 11th and 18th to finish well off the pace.

The world number 38 now travels to the Interlachen Country Club in Edina, Minnesota, for arguably the biggest prize on women's golf.

With £1.5 million in prize money up for grabs, the world's best players will all be present to battle it out to become US Open champion. It will be the sixth time Stupple has taken part,



ON COURSE: Stupple looks to US Open

with her best result coming in 2005 when she finished in a tie for tenth place.

Elsewhere Zane Scotland, who represents Prince's Golf Club in Sandwich, also missed the cut last weekend.

The 25-year-old shot rounds of 74 and 80 to finish in a tie for 145th place on ten over par at the BMW International Open in Munich.

Scotland will hope for an improvement at the European Open, which begins next week at the London Golf Club near Ash.

Out with the old and in with the new at Invicta

FOOTBALL

FOLKESTONE INVICTA continue to be among the busiest clubs in the transfer market, with three players leaving the club and one arriving this week.

Teenagers Luke Stonebridge, Charlie Glyde and Frankie Chappell all departed Cheriton Road, while former Gravesend & Northfleet captain Lee Gledhill became the seventh player to sign since the end of the season.

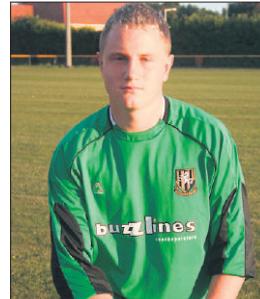
As feared, goalkeeper Stonebridge is leaving the country after accepting a four-year sports scholarship in the United States.

The 18-year-old broke into the first team in the second half of last season and produced some composed displays in a struggling side.

Charlie Mitten, who missed the last two months of the season with a broken hand, has agreed to stay on for next season.

Glyde, 19, has joined Ryman South rivals Ashford Town. The deal includes a sell-on clause, with Invicta receiving 20 per cent of any transfer fee if Glyde moves on from The Homelands.

Chappell broke into the first team last season, establishing a good partnership with Liam



EXIT: Luke Stonebridge is off to the US

Friend at the heart of the defence.

But the 19-year-old received a good offer from his local club Welling United, who play two divisions above Folkestone in the Blue Square South. A similar sell-on clause exists with his move.

Former Gravesend and Barnet defender Gledhill could be a straight replacement for Chappell. The 27-year-old can play at full-back, centre-back and also in midfield.

Elsewhere, vice-chairman Jim Pellatt has taken over as temporary chairman after Gordon Wallis resigned last week.



FOCUSED: Graham Ford is looking to another final

CRICKET

Hectic schedule is part of the game

KENT SPITFIRES face a crucial three days in the defence of their Twenty20 crown as qualification for the quarter-finals goes down to the wire.

Rob Key's side topped the south division before last night's game away to Middlesex.

But with five teams competing for the top two positions, the Spitfires will need to pick up points from the final group games against Surrey today and Sussex on Friday to be sure of progressing to the last eight.

Coach Graham Ford admits the schedule is difficult, but the players are used to it and the prospect of reaching another final is enough to spur them on.

He said: "The way the programme is, the players have to have a short memory after defeats because it is such a hectic schedule. It's a difficult one as we do not have a great deal of time to prepare for the competition."

"We started with the county championship and the Friends Provident and then we are straight into Twenty20. It is difficult to get tactics and strategies in place – so often you have to rely on the characters in the team."

Kent have used an unchanged line-up so far in the competition and it looks as though they will resist the temptation to bring players such as Martin Sagers, Robbie Joseph, Amjad Khan and Matt Walker back into the frame.

The Spitfires have used a tried and trusted formula for the competition, with three front-line batsmen, together with five genuine all-rounders, Geraint Jones behind the stumps and two main bowlers.

Ford believes the success of last season's Twenty20 campaign was down to the players knowing they are part of a secure set-up – and that won't change this year.

He said: "Changing the team is not that easy because we are trying to take the players forward as the competition is a different skill set to come up against."

"We didn't make a great deal of changes last year and it is a good thing to have a settled side with players secure in their positions – we won't be making any knee-jerk reactions."

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